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BLOCK MOVE ENGINE WITH GAMMA AND COLOR CONVERSIONS

Cross Reference to Related Applications

present application may relate to co-pending application Serial No. 09/960,578 filed concurrently (Attorney Docket 1496.00119) and Serial No. 09/ $\frac{960}{2}$, $\frac{77}{1}$ filed concurrently (Attorney Docket 1496.00154), which are each hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Field of the Invention

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The present invention relates to method and/or architecture for implementing block modify and move engines (BMMEs) generally and, more particularly, a method and/or architecture for implementing color and gamma correctors that may be used within the data modification section of a BMME.

Background of the Invention

The implementation of a block move engine (BME) (a bit blitter or blitting engine) for rapidly copying blocks of graphics data from one location in memory to another is generally used for 5

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component. The correction circuit 104 may also receive the coefficient signals COEFFS, the offset signals OFFSETS and the signal GAMEN. The delay circuit 102 may present a portion of the signal FRONTOUT and the correction circuit 104 may present another portion of the signal FRONTOUT. The various signals of the present invention may be implemented as single-bit or multi-bit signals.

Color correction and gamma correction may both be valid operations on color components of graphics and video data. However, such correction may not be relevant to alpha data. A bypass path via the delay 102 may be provided for the alpha data ALPHA, when applicable. Delay for color components CC through the correction circuitry 104 may be matched by the delay 102 for the alpha channel ALPHA. The color components CC may be RGB or YUV for most graphics and video operations. However, other appropriate color components may be implemented to meet the design criteria of a particular implementation.

Referring to FIG. 2, a context of the present invention is shown. The details of FIG. 2 are described in co-pending application Serial No. 09/960,77/filed concurrently (Attorney Docket 1496.00154).